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## Superb Chinese Pæonies.

**Given Away.—4 Splendid Roots in Four Leading Colors, to Every one Who Subscribes for Park's Floral Magazine before Dec. 10th, 1899.**

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*La Candeur*, double, the best pure white double Tulip; large and attractive.

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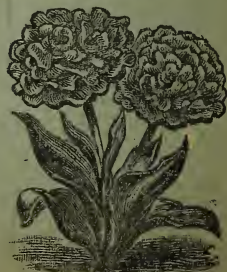
*Lutea Major*, Parrot, immense golden yellow flowers, elegantly fringed petals.

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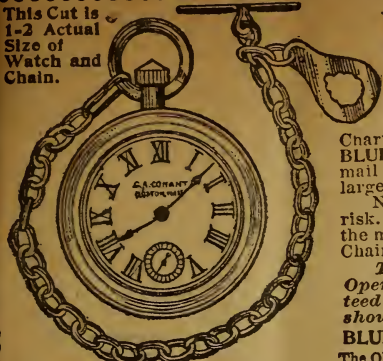
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### GOSSIP.

My Window.—From a hanging basket in the center a "Pickle Plant" hung down nearly two feet, and in the mornings it was fairly dotted with yellow blossoms. From brackets on each side hung plants, on one side Jacob's Ladder, on the other a Weeping Lantana. At the bottom of the window I have a shelf one foot wide, and on the center of that I put my Ivy Geranium. To the right of it were double white and double red Geraniums and a Rubra Begonia, all full of clusters of bloom. To the left were pink Geraniums, a Christmas Cactus three years old and a mass of bloom, and a dwarf Orange tree eighteen inches high, on which were twenty blossoms and three oranges about the size of a walnut. On each side of the window stood small stands. On one was a Grevillea robusta three feet high. On the other stood an Umbrella Plant. Many of the stalks of this were as large around as a lead pencil and stood fully five feet high, while the umbrellas on top would measure eighteen inches in diameter. There were ten of these large stalks and as many more shorter ones. I had it in an old fish globe, and gave it no special care. I am going to add more choice plants this summer, and another winter hope to have a finer window than I had last winter. M. B. Allen.

Wright Co., Iowa.

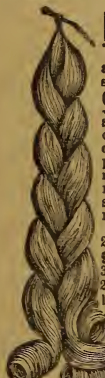
Oleander City.—To see the Oleander in all its glory one should visit Galveston, the "Oleander City" as its people fondly call it. There they are used to border the sidewalks of much of the residence portion of the city, and on Broadway, a street of handsome residences, they not only border each sidewalk, but there is also a row of them on each side of a driveway in the center of the street. Notwithstanding this great abundance I was unable to buy an Oleander while in the city, though I applied to two greenhouses. They were too common, it was said, to keep them for sale. Mrs. M. J. Ross.

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## CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

**C**HRYSANTHEMUMS are the crowning glory of the season, and no flower in cultivation surpasses the improved kinds in beauty, showiness and general utility. Under the care of the intelligent florist the plants are very tractable

Many of the Chrysanthemums offered and described in lists are of sorts with but little distinction, many often inferior. It is well, therefore, during the blooming season to consider the merits of the many varieties, and if possible make selections of the most desirable ones to add to the collection. The lovely and desirable sorts here illus-



GROUP OF CHRYSANTHEMUM BLOOMS.

and may be made to assume the most desirable forms, while the flowers in contour, color and delicacy are all that anyone could wish. The engraving on this page is from a painting, by Paul de Longpre, of four of the most beautiful Chrysanthemums in cultivation, the colors being pure white, pink, crimson and golden yellow.

trated will be fully described in the columns of the MAGAZINE next month, together with cultural directions.

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**Cannas.**—These, when potted and well started, do well as window plants. Keep the soil well watered, and the atmosphere moist.

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A MONTHLY. ENTIRELY FLORAL.

GEO. W. PARK, Editor and Publisher,  
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**Empress of China Rose.**—This is a hardy climbing Rose which blooms almost perpetually during the summer and autumn. It is naturally robust in growth, but if the plant should appear stunted the soil should be well stirred in the spring, working some fresh wood ashes and phosphate into it as the buds begin to push out, and at the same time cutting the top of the plant back to the ground, leaving only two or three eyes to form vigorous vines during the season. Avoid mulching till hot weather comes. It keeps the soil wet and cold at a time when the heat of the sun is beneficial. Give support when needed, as swaying in the wind retards growth.

**Hardy Chrysanthemums.**—The Louis Boehmer and Miller's Crimson Chrysanthemums both live out-doors in Southern Pennsylvania without protection, though a board placed at the northwest, or an open-end keg placed over the plant is beneficial. Most of the finer Chrysanthemums are hardy as far North as New York when planted in the spring in a sheltered place, or when given slight protection, but they rarely bloom satisfactorily unless protected from sun and storm and severe autumn frosts.

**The Tulip Bed.**—After the flowers fade plants of Geranium and Coleus may be planted between the Tulips for decoration throughout the summer and autumn. Do not disturb the Tulips. Simply stir and enrich the soil, using a trowel and well-rotted stable manure. When the foliage of the Tulips dies it can be removed.

**Goldfussia.**—This is a species of Strobilanthes, as easily grown as a Geranium, and requires about the same treatment. It likes a rather sunny place, plenty of root room while growing, and a rich, moist soil. The flowers are tubular, lavender blue, and freely produced in winter.

## CLERODENDRON BALFOURI.

**T**HIS is a tropical deciduous climber, requiring a hot-house temperature to succeed well. Cuttings five or six inches long, taken with a heel, start readily in sand under a glass. When rooted pot in three-inch pots, using a compost of four parts turfy loam with one part manure, adding a little sand. Shift into six-inch pots when the roots begin to crowd, and pinch out the points of the shoots to encourage branching. Avoid shade, give plenty of light and heat, water freely. As winter approaches let the plants dry off until the leaves partly wilt and begin to droop, then water enough to revive the plants, and dry off again till the foliage droops. Repeat this process until the leaves turn yellow and drop off, and the branches ripen, after which reduce the temperature to 55°, and keep the soil just moist during winter. When ready to renew the growth set the pan for several hours in a pan of tepid water, and place in a warmer temperature, gradually increasing the heat till it reaches 65° at night and 75° in daytime. The plant will soon grow and show a profusion of buds and flowers. While growing keep well syringed to ward off the attacks of red spider and other insects.

**Rose Pests.**—Two common pests of the Rose are the slug and the aphid, the former troubling only out-door Roses, and the latter chiefly the plants grown indoors. Both are easily eradicated. Make an emulsion of soap-suds, and to each two-gallon can of the material add a gill of fine slaked lime and a teaspoonful of Paris green, stirring thoroughly and applying with a syringe in the evening. Apply this material twice a week, beginning as soon as the slugs begin to show in the spring, and continuing until the first crop of the pest has disappeared. The later attacks can be overcome in the same way. This treatment will also destroy leaf-hoppers, rose bugs and other pests.

**Violets.**—The Marie Louise Violet is subject to a fungus which appears as brown spots upon the leaves. Remove all leaves thus affected, and all rubbish or decaying matter that may be about the plants, then avoid wetting the foliage. The Lady Helen Campbell is a much more healthy and desirable variety of Violet, and should generally be given the preference when buying plants. Set the plants in the spring, watering and shading during the season as needed, and as cold weather approaches protect by a cold frame. A pit with a southern exposure will with proper care in most of the States develop lovely Violets throughout the winter.



PACKING PLANTS TO MAIL.

**P**REPARE for the work by getting some spongy moss, waxed or oiled paper, and strong wooden or paste-board boxes, long and not high or wide, so the ends will not collapse. Get the plants you wish to pack together, label them, and cut off straggling branches and the tops of those that are too tall. Then shake the soil from the roots and wash in a bucket of water. Now bunch the plants, dip the roots in water, shake, and envelop them with moss from which the water has been thoroughly pressed. Wrap tightly in oiled or waxed paper, and secure firmly in the box, then place a strong wrapper, address plainly, giving name, postoffice and State, not forgetting to place your own name, postoffice and State upon the upper left corner with the word *from* before it. Now affix stamps to the value of one cent for each two ounces or fraction, tie well, and mail. In packing a very important point is to avoid getting the foliage wet or even moist. It should be entirely dry. The length of time in transit should regulate the amount of moss used, and the degree of moisture. Follow these simple directions, and your plants will mostly arrive at their destination in good condition.

**Bermuda Easter Lily.**—Complaint about the failure of the Bermuda Easter Lily to bloom is common. This is largely due to the Lily disease, which affects the bulbs seriously when they attain blooming size. It is impossible to get large, solid bulbs, such as were sold some years ago. Most of the bulbs handled now are from five to seven inches in circumference, and a good proportion of these is affected. If the bulbs fail to bloom it is as well to bed them out eight inches deep, and let nature care for them, then replace with the imperial new Japanese Easter Lilies, which are healthy, and sure to bloom.

**Pruning Lilacs.**—Lilacs should be pruned in the spring just after the flowers fade. In pruning cut away the faded clusters, and all branches that are slender or crowded, thus encouraging a healthy and vigorous growth, and the formation of strong buds for the next season's flowering. If pruned in the spring many cluster-buds will be removed, interfering with free-blooming during the season.

**Artemisia.**—Mrs. Davis, of New Hampshire, sends a little box containing a spray of delicate, fragrant buds, and asks for the name, which is *Artemisia annua*, a tall, fern-like annual easily started from seeds. The sprays are useful for bouquets, and are much prized for their delightful fragrance.

ABOUT DAHLIAS.

**M**ANY persons, in order to have early Dahlias, start the clumps early, in a box or hot bed, then divide and transplant as soon as danger from frost is past. There is not as much time gained by this means as some may think. If the clumps are divided and set in the open ground, covering deep, the fibrous roots get firm hold of the soil, and the shoots reach the surface in vigorous, growing condition as soon as they are safe from frost. If the bed is situated where protection from mid-day sun is ensured, the buds can mostly be depended upon to develop into full-blown flowers. A porous or gravelly soil not too rich will promote free-blooming. In a deep, rich, tenacious soil the plants are liable to become bushy, and expend their energies in the growth of stems and leaves. A bed sloping to the north, the soil of a gravelly nature, and liberally mulched with coarse stable litter as hot weather approaches, almost invariably gives a fine display of flowers, even though fully exposed to the sun's rays throughout the day. The mulch retains the moisture about the roots, an essential condition in Dahlia culture. The plants will not satisfactorily bear drought.

**Abutilon.**—In a hot, dry atmosphere plants of Abutilon are liable to the attack of red spider, which causes the leaves to curl and become sparing and unsightly. Occasionally the foliage is also somewhat similarly affected in such an atmosphere, even when the presence of the spider is not apparent. Give the Abutilon a rather cool, moist atmosphere and a sunny window, sprinkling the foliage daily, and you will be rewarded by flowers throughout the winter, if you have good varieties, and good plants.

**Bleeding Heart.**—This is a hardy herbaceous perennial, blooming in June. The tops remain green for several weeks after the flowers fade, then die, and nothing more is seen of the plant till early spring, when the vigorous shoots will again appear. We see it sometimes stated that if the tops are cut to the ground just after the flowers fade new shoots will appear and bloom in autumn. Do not attempt this experiment if you care for the plant, as this treatment is liable to destroy it.

**Gladiolus.**—Bulbs of Gladiolus should be planted in a bed having a sunny exposure throughout the day. They will not bloom well in a shady place. Set the bulbs four inches deep. If desired the bed can be carpeted with *Portulaca*, which is low in growth, and will not shade the plants.

## CHINESE PÆONIES.

**A**MONG the most beautiful and showy of hardy herbaceous perennials are the Chinese Pæonies. The plants are robust and as hardy as a Dock, enduring the extreme cold of winter without protection, even when planted late in autumn. The flowers are large, often enormous, double, exquisite in texture, rich and varied in coloring, often as delightfully fragrant as a Tea Rose, and open at a time when garden flowers are not plentiful. The leading colors are white, rose, crimson and yellow, and from these colors range a wonderful diversity of shades.

Chinese Pæonies are easily grown. The roots should be obtained as soon in November as possible, and planted in rich, porous, well-drained soil where the sun has free access. The plants also do well in shade. Set the roots so the eyes will be an inch under the ground, and tramp the soil firmly around and over it. The clumps should stand three feet apart, which space will soon be occupied. In the mean time some annual plants can be placed between to cover the ground, and to bloom in summer and autumn. After planting mulch the bed with manure from the cow yard. No further care will be needed, except weeding and stirring the soil occasionally. Readers are urged to plant a group of the different colors of Chinese Pæonies this month. Such a group will begin to show the coming season, and continue to increase in beauty for many, many years, affording untold pleasure to those who enjoy their gorgeous and fragrant flowers during their annual blooming season.

**Geranium Freaks.**—A Geranium plant will often produce a branch with flowers different in form or color from the other branches. If such a branch is cut off and rooted a new and desirable variety may be obtained, perpetuating and fixing the new character. Nature is continually making changes, and these freaks are simply due to her versatility. To such freaks we are indebted for many varieties in Geraniums, Roses and other plants.

**Cyclops Pink.**—This lovely Pink is hardy without protection in southern Pennsylvania, and will doubtless endure the winters in New York and even further north by giving it some protection. It is easily grown from seeds, and the plants bloom the first season when started early.

**Spindling Gloxinias.**—Gloxinias are spindling in growth when too much shaded or crowded, and when water is too freely given. They like an abundance of light and ventilation, but not a predominance of direct sunlight.

## ABOUT HYACINTH BULBS.

**T**HOSE who buy the large-sized Hyacinth bulbs can depend upon having large spikes of bloom the first season, provided the bulbs are healthy and compact. Such bulbs, however, can rarely be depended upon for future blooming, as they have reached their full size and mostly divide into numerous small bulbs after the flowers fade. In Holland this division of the bulbs is avoided, and the larger size secured by pinching out the flower spike as soon as it shows above ground. For this reason the smaller-sized Hyacinth bulbs are preferable, as they are sure to bloom the first season, and the spikes increase each year for several years, as the bulbs increase in size.

**Hardy Plants.**—As a rule it is better to get and plant the hardy shrubs, Roses, and herbaceous plants in the spring. Hardy bulbs, however, are an exception. They should be planted in October, November or early December to get best results. These months are also the best in which to get and plant the beautiful, gorgeous and deliciously scented Chinese Pæonies, a group of which, in various colors, should be at every home. Other plants that may be set out in late autumn are Dicentra, Hemerocallis, Funkia, Asclepias, Astilbe and Lily of the Valley, all of which are perfectly hardy.

**Staking Tuberous Begonias.**—A sister in North Carolina complains of her Tuberous Begonia plants being unable to stand erect, and asks if she might heap the soil over the tuber and about the base of the stem to act as a support. Such support cannot be recommended, as a surplus of moisture with heat and imperfect ventilation often develops a fungus growth about the stem, causing it to rot. It is better to stake the plants, and thus secure them from the effect of top-heaviness and wind.

**For Hot, Dry Places.**—Yuccas in variety, Cactuses, Century Plants, Aloes, Echeveria and various species of Sedum do well in a hot, dry situation. Some of these succulent plants are hardy, and will live out-doors for many years unprotected. Petunias, Zinnias, Vinca rosea, Portulaca, Calandrinia and the various Mesembryanthemums are of the seedling plants which do well under such conditions.

**Rudbeckia.**—*Rudbeckia laciniata* fl. pl. is a perennial, perfectly hardy, and can be left out in exposed situations without protection. It is one of the newer herbaceous plants that never disappoints the purchaser.



# WILD HONEYSUCKLE.

[So luxuriant and beautiful is my wild Honeysuckle that it attracts and challenges the notice and admiration of all who pass. From earliest spring until the snow flies it is a pleasure to watch the cupped leaves unfold and display flowers that are trumpet-shaped and lined with crimson. Outside the petals are clear, pale yellow. The trumpets are replaced by clusters of green berries that change first to yellow, then to the brightest, most vivid scarlet. Imagine a tall oak draped and festooned by such a vine, and cease to wonder that I am tempted to essay a pen picture.—F. P. T.]

Uncultured and free as the prairie grass,  
Meeting the white-winged clouds that pass  
At the sky-line, where, with tender grace,  
Heaven bends to kiss earth's lifted face.

As the rhythmic song of the summer sea,  
As the zephyrs of thought—light fancies—are  
free,

Even so this wildwood beauty shows  
That nothing of care or restraint she knows.

Unfettered and all untrained she lifts  
With laden arms her generous gifts;  
Insignias that belong to kings,  
Past human skill to make, she brings.

A diadem of whispering leaves  
To crown her monarch's brow she weaves;  
And low, sweet voices blend with notes  
That pour from crimsoned trumpets throats.

The royal robe in leafy June  
Is decked with emeralds, deepening soon  
To topaz, whereon yellow rays  
Of autumn's lingering sunshine plays.

In ruddier hues the frost-brush dips,  
And as the tints on beauty's lips  
The lovely, clustering corals seem—  
In snow-wreaths—like a pictured dream.

*Fannie P. Tucker.*

*Oregon Co., Mo., June 25, 1899.*

# ENCOURAGEMENT.

Give it good soil, the seed  
That hasn't a place to grow,  
Beauty untold may yet unfold  
And bless you for doing so;  
Break down the tangled weed  
Binding its freedom low,  
For the flower that lives its fragrance gives  
To the one who has helped it grow.

Give it good soil, the heart  
That hasn't a worthy place,  
Beauty may lie where human eye  
Never has tried to trace;  
Raise it and turn apart  
From paths it were wont to face;  
God only knows of the good that grows  
In the heart that is given a place.

*Florence Josephine Boyce,*

*Washington Co., Vt.*

# TO A CHINESE SACRED LILY.

When all the garden flowers are dead,  
And glistening snowflakes thickly spread,  
Then in our hearts we prize thee more  
Than all the summer's fragrant store;  
'Twas ever thus since Eden's hour,  
O, frost-forbidden, lonely flower.

*Bradford Co., Pa.*

*Lalia Mitchell.*

# NOVEMBER.

Across the stretch of bare brown hills,  
Along the line of purple vales,  
Up from the cold, still meadow rills,  
November furls her shivering sails.

A misty line of woodland vast  
Stands out against the molten dawn,  
Hushed are the voices of the past,  
The radiant wreaths of autumn gone.

Ah, drear November, cold and gray,  
Thou knowest not our hearts are sad,  
Thou knowest not we long for May,  
For tenderest skies to make us glad.

Oh, somber days, why have you brought  
Your wailing winds and leaden skies?  
You fill our hearts with saddest thought,  
You bring the tear-stain to our eyes.

What carest thou for all our pain?  
What carest thou for silent woe?  
We fling you back, in fine disdain,  
Your wreaths of whirling, eddying snow.

But dreary days can't always last,  
The sun, bright harbinger of joy,  
Has broken through the clouds at last,  
And promised peace without alloy.

*Emma Ellis Conway.*

*Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 10, 1899.*

# THE MORNING GLORIES.

Now the night away has flown,  
How have my Morning Glories grown!  
And the tendrils downward droop,  
All around my latticed stoop;  
Pink and red and white and blue,  
Blossoming in every hue.

Here are two like dark blue eyes,  
Laughing out in glad surprise,  
As the yellow butterfly  
Lightly, brightly flutters by;  
"Come," the flowers, nodding, say,  
But the winged guest won't stay.

See my last and greatest find,  
With their fingers deftly twined,  
Red and white and blue I see,  
Like "Old Glory" floating free;  
Upward climb like freedom, too.  
My Glories red and white and blue.

*Herington, Kas.*

*M. C. R.*

# EVENING.

Daylight fades, and one by one  
The pretty stars come through and peep,  
The somber shadows—creeping—fall,  
While birdlings fold their wings and sleep.  
Twilight steals all silently,  
The dewdrops kiss the blushing Rose,  
And zephyrs play among the trees,  
While blossoms droop in sweet repose.

The night birds send out on the air  
Their sweet and melancholy notes,  
All nature breathes an evening prayer,  
An echo from the hillside floats.  
So sweetly soft, the low refrain  
That rises through the eventide  
Recalls the shadows of the past,  
We turn, our silent tears to hide.

*Ada Mahala Ellis.*

*San Joaquin Co., Cal., Oct. 10, 1899.*

**BEDDING OUT LARGE PLANTS.**

**I**T often happens that we have a large plant in a box or tub which we want to use to beautify the lawn in summer. One difficulty confronts us. The tub, if set on the ground, will kill the grass, and the plant will require much more water if so much of the surface of the tub is exposed to the sun. The lawn must not be defaced by digging a hole to place the tub in, and there seems to be no way out of the difficulty. But there is a way and a very satisfactory one. Select the spot on the lawn, then cut a strip of sod carefully, simply loosening it from the soil and rolling it away from the place in two directions, not removing it entirely. Then dig out the soil, plunging the tub in the hole; roll back the strips of sod, water well, and press the sod down firmly, covering the top of the tub completely. In the fall it will be grown so fast to the top of the earth that it will have to be cut away again to get the tub out. Then fill up the hole, replace the sod, water well, and the next season the place cannot be found.

Winnebago Co., Ill.

B. B.

**Lost Variegation.**—It will be found that whatever be done with the soil, it will be necessary to promptly cut off any branches of *Euonymus*, etc., which have "run back" to the original strong, unvariegated type. This is especially true of the *Geranium New Life*, which has scarlet and white striped flowers, and is a sport from *Vesuvius*, a pure scarlet, dwarf variety. It does best in rather poor soil, and when pot-bound. The variegation of this sort if once lost never returns. It is best to occasionally root new plants from the variegated-flowering branches. The *Geranium Mountain of Snow* sometimes sends out a green shoot much stronger than the white-edged; also the white-edged *Ivy-leaf Geranium Elegant* and the *Abutilon Souvenir de Bonn*.

Geo. S. Woodruff.

Buchanan Co., Iowa, July 5, 1899.

**Variegated Hoya.**—A rare and beautiful vine for the window or conservatory is the variegated *Hoya*. The leaves are a pleasing shade of green, and every one is bordered with a wide band of white. Many of the leaves are entirely white, while the stems of the new growth are pink in color, making a nice combination. The foliage is larger than that of the common *Wax Plant*, but not so thick. The plant can be kept at almost any size by varying the root-room. With me it is a shy bloomer, but handsome enough without flowers.

John.

Oskaloosa, Iowa.

**AURATUM LILIES.**

**I**N its home in Japan the *Auratum Lily* grows on wooded hillsides, which are of necessity well drained; the rather sandy soil is naturally fertilized each year by falling leaves, which decay, forming a rich leaf mould. The leaves also provide a natural protection for the bulbs during winter and a much needed mulch in summer. Following this plan I have had excellent success with *Auratums*. I had no wooded hillside on which to plant them, but had a sloping piece of ground which was partially protected from the sun on two sides by buildings. The soil is sandy, and was well mixed with woods earth. The bulbs were planted about eight inches deep, and in late fall were given a heavy covering of leaves. This covering is not removed in spring, but is left on all summer to gradually decay. A wide border of sod all around the bed supplies the rootlets to work in the soil, to take the place of those of the trees, which seem so necessary to loosen up the soil and take up any extra moisture. My bulbs live and blossom year after year, showing no sign of disease, and even the offshoots grow and flower when old enough, which never happened when I grew them in the old way. Bulbs can be planted in fall or spring, and should not be disturbed as long as they do well. When they become crowded some of them can be removed without disturbing the remainder. The natural tendency is for the bulbs to work up toward the surface of the ground, so that in time they are too much exposed to do well; to remedy this keep a heavy mulch over them, both summer and winter, thus keeping them warm in winter and cool in summer.

Marian Meade.

Winnebago Co., Ill.

**Useful Garden Tools.**—I have found a toy garden set, including rake, hoe and spade, of great use in keeping my flower beds in order. These tools are so easy to handle, and are small enough so they can be used in among plants where larger tools would be too awkward. My set cost only ten cents. The handles are about twenty-five inches long.

Sawyer Co., Wis. Mrs. G. F. Clapp.

**Double Spotted Calla.**—My *Spotted Calla* is in bloom, and has two lilies grown together at the shortest side of each, with the tips of the flowers exactly opposite. Is this a common occurrence? It is quite a curiosity to my friends and neighbors.

Mrs. S. E. Bachman.

Northampton Co., Pa., July 4, 1899.

[NOTE.—It is not uncommon for the *Spotted Calla* to produce a twin flower, as noted.—Ed.]



THE TRAILING ARBUTUS.

Here you are and there you are,  
Tiny buds of spring,  
Sweetest breath of May-time flowers  
Your dainty blossoms bring;  
Glossy leaves forever green,  
And petals rose and white,  
Hiding near the melting snows  
In blushing beauty bright.

Here you are and there you are,  
Peeping up so shy;  
Not another flower so brave  
'Neath the threat'ning sky;  
Heralding the summer hours,  
First of all the train,  
Making glad the loving hearts  
That welcome you again.

Here you are and there you are,  
Springtime's modest pets,  
He who knows your sylvan haunts  
Their beauty ne'er forgets;  
Buds will soon begin to burst,  
And brooks and birds to sing,  
Heartened by your glad array,  
Oh, sweetest breath of spring.

Weld Co., Col.

Sarah E. Howard.

OVERWATERING.

OVERWATERING is a fruitful cause of failure with house plants in winter. Sunshine is scarce, evaporation slow, and the temperature is apt to be low, especially at night. Hence, plants that during the summer required daily drenching may not at this season need a thorough watering oftener than once a week. The condition of the soil is the best guide in this matter. Water well when water is required, and then withhold further moisture until the soil is nearly dry. Many plants require the smallest possible amount of watering during their semi-dormant season in winter, as Cacti, Gasterias, etc. Palms, Sansevieria, Begonias, Aspidistras, Farfugium grande, etc., should be left nearly dry, using care, however, that they do not become entirely so, until active growth recommences.

Any plants that are in steady growth require, of course, generous watering, but these are rare in winter. When water is applied it should be given in the early part of the day, and a sunny day is preferable. When water is applied late in the day the excess of moisture and lower night temperature is particularly likely to result in a shock to the plant from which it is difficult to recover.

Mrs. W. A. Cutting.

Middlesex Co., Mass., Sept. 21, 1899.

Gold Dust Injurious to Plants.

—Plants should not be watered with water in which "gold dust" has been used, as it is very injurious to the plants, causing the foliage to wither and die.

R. J. C.

Lake Co., Ohio, Aug. 23, 1899.

THE AQUARIUM.

NEW people know the ease with which an aquarium may be built and cared for, or the plants best suited to its conditions. A large tub or half barrel may be sunk in earth in the garden during summer, and removed to the cellar in winter. In the bottom of the tub place a little rich earth and a few pebbles, and fill nearly to the top with soft water. For the center an Umbrella Plant is my choice, although a Leather Lily may be substituted. Around this place Water Hyacinths, for they give delightful flowers. The yellow bloom of Water Poppies serves to brighten the aquarium. Around the edge Parrot's Feather should be placed, and the trailing stems allowed to droop over the sides. The flowering bulbs peculiar to each season may be set for a time in the aquarium and later removed to make room for others, but the five plants mentioned are the best and most reliable.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Lalia Mitchell.

**Aspidistra.**—The Aspidistra is a beautiful decorative plant that is but little known and seldom advertised. There are two varieties, the solid green and the variegated. The leaves are six inches long and about two inches wide, gracefully tapering to the end, and are as pretty as any Palm. This will stand considerable neglect, but the foliage will be much brighter and prettier if given plenty of water and sprayed with a fine spray at night during warm weather. From April to October is the growing time of this plant, and it seldom sends up any leaves during the winter months. The Aspidistra variegata is alternately striped with bright green and silver, is very tough, and will bear considerable rough treatment without breaking. A well-grown plant of Aspidistra is a possession to be proud of.

Laura Jones.

Lincoln Co., Ky.

**Ventilation in Winter.**—A proper supply of pure air is as indispensable to the health of plants as it is to the well-being of the human family, and in winter this supply is too often very limited in both cases. Several times a day every room in which plants are kept should be treated to a thorough renovation and purification of the air. Not that the cold outside air should be allowed to pour directly upon the tender green things, nor should the temperature be too suddenly and entirely lowered. But ways can always be devised to air the room without subjecting either the human or floral inmates to any harm. On the contrary both will feel an immediate accession of vigor from the renewal of oxygen.

Mrs. W. A. C.

Middlesex Co., Mass., Sep. 21, 1899.

## PETUNIAS.

WHEN everything is taken into consideration there is nothing equal to the Petunia. Poppies are brighter, Phlox is daintier, Mignonette is sweeter, but nothing grows and blooms so continuously, so cheerfully, in poor soil or rich, in shade or sunshine, all the long summer through and away on until Thanksgiving. The seeds are cheap, and it is always safe to buy the mixed sorts. The colors harmonize in good-natured Bohemian fashion. The seeds are very small, but they are not fastidious. Prepare the soil as well as you can, and sow them. If you have bought them from a good house they will grow.

One summer we had Petunias in a long box set on the piazza railing. How beautiful they were—dozens of colors and innumerable markings! There were various shapes and sizes, from great, lace-edged, fluted sorts to prim little disks with green, velvety leaves falling like a piece of rare Eastern embroidery from the box to the ground nearly five feet below. Somehow, there was not the usual coarse look about the piazza-grown Petunias. They were healthy and strong, but very pretty and delicate. We were constantly delighted with new sorts. The seeds fell on the ground, and many of the hardier ones came up. They are now established in the hard, rocky back yard.

Petunias are beautiful as cut flowers. The white ones look like small Lilies, and they are the hardiest of all. Great beds of them are seen in public parks, growing and blooming in hot sunshine, where most plants droop pitifully.

When the plant is a few inches high it begins to bloom. The habit of most sorts is straggling, but they are never unsightly, and if the stems are pinned down and covered with soil here and there they are greatly improved. Many annuals give continuous bloom through the summer, but with nearly all the price is eternal vigilance. The seeds must not ripen. No such care is required by the Petunia. It ripens and sows its seeds, and some of them germinate in the late summer. Of

ten the hardy little plants live through the winter. This, of course, is true only of the hardy sorts.

To my way of thinking the double sorts are not so pretty as the single ones, and the prettiest colors are the waxy white, the velvety crimson, and the soft, satiny pink. The fine ruffled sorts are quite as pretty as Gloxinias, and are as easily grown as any.

E. F. W.

Iredell Co., N. C., Aug. 31, 1899.

**Cloves.**—Cloves are the flower buds of a tree which is a native of the Spice Islands, but is also cultivated in Sumatra and other parts of the West Indies. It attains a height of from twenty to forty feet, with a beautiful pyramidal head of foliage. The leaves are large, of an oblong shape and evergreen; the flowers are small but abundant, while leaves, flowers and bark all possess a strong aromatic perfume.

The ripe fruit of the Clove tree is in shape like a small olive, of a dark red color, with an odor of cloves; it is sometimes dried and used by the natives, as are also the broken fruit-stems, but the flower buds are the most valuable part of the tree. The oil of cloves is useful in medicine.

L. L.

Holt Co., Mo.

**Veronica spicata.**—If one desires perennials that bloom long and freely this

beautiful flower should be considered as one of the best. Its fine lavender blue flowers are borne on spikes in a way that makes them especially desirable for bouquets. The spreading capacity of this plant is perfect; that is, it increases just enough to prevent it from being a care, which is a very desirable trait in any hardy plant. I intend having it in my garden as long as I have one.

E. H. Norris.

Erie Co., Pa., Sept. 11, 1899.

**Gladiolus.**—Lovers of Gladiolus will do well to plant some of the bulbs as early as February in pots in the house. They will be ready to bloom long before those planted in the beds are. They can be set in a cool, sunless window, and will make a large growth before time to set them out.

Georgina G. Smith.

Dubuque Co., Iowa.



LARGE-FLOWERED FRINGED SINGLE PETUNIAS.



ABOUT COLEUS.

THE usual directions about raising Coleus are to plant where they will have full sunshine. That may be best in some States, but not in "sunny Kansas." I have always given them a sunny location, and the colors looked faded and most of the day the leaves had a wilted look, let them be ever so well watered. This spring I acted on the advice of a writer in the MAGAZINE and planted on the north side, and my Coleus bed is a beauty. The ground was not enriched, and they were tiny plants, but they have made a good growth, and by pinching back are bushy and of quite uniform height. Not a leaf has wilted, although we have had some very warm, dry weather. They have not been watered once, and the colors are bright and fresh.

The last of August or first of September is the time to root cuttings for the window garden. This is easily done by placing the cuttings in bottles or cups of water. In potting for the window I put a bright-colored sort and a green one in the same pot. They look very pretty together, and you can have a greater variety for the same number of pots, and that is quite an item where window space is limited. It is best to use more sand with them than with most plants, as they require considerable water, and there is danger of the soil becoming soggy and sour, especially if tin cans are used, and the drainage is imperfect. A little attention in these matters will insure success. Lide.

Allen Co., Kan., Aug. 18, 1899.

**Kerria Japonica.**—If one could have but one shrub in the yard it should be a *Kerria Japonica*. It is almost a perpetual bloomer. Commencing in May it blooms a month; then takes a breathing spell, begins again in July, and is a mass of glory until frost. It is also a very fine decorative plant for the house. I have made a very fine center piece by filling a shallow dish with its golden blossoms, and placing long sprays of *Myrtle* trailing out from it over the white damask. The cut flowers remain fresh a long time, and the shrub is perfectly hardy.

Mrs. M. V. A.

Bond Co., Ill., Aug. 23, 1899.

**Sweet Peas.**—Sweet Peas are liable to be a dismal failure in sandy soils; at least, they proved so for me until I mixed with the soil decomposed sods with which well-rotted cow manure had been incorporated. The roots of both Sweet Peas and garden Peas revel in this fibrous loam.

R. J. C.

Lake Co., Ohio., Aug. 23, 1899.

BERMUDA LILY AFTER BLOOMING.

AFTER the Bermuda Lilies are through blooming, if the bulbs are of good size, do not throw them away, as with proper treatment they will produce a second stalk of Lilies within a few months. Let them grow as long as they seem inclined to, then as the foliage begins to fade gradually withhold water until the stalk is dead; remove it and set the pot containing the bulb in some out of the way place, only watering it once in ten or twelve days, just enough to keep the bulb from drying out completely. In a few weeks a new stalk will appear, and though it may seem very slender and weak do not despair, for all it needs is plenty of food. From this time on water the plant with manure water every week, and apply a heavy top dressing of some kind to the soil. If there is not sufficient room for a heavy mulch on top of the pot sink it inside a larger one or in a box; this mulch is one of the necessities for success in the work. As the hot weather approaches a bulb which has been forced out of season and is naturally weakened must be mulched to keep it about the same temperature all the time, in order to do well.

The second stalk is never so fine as the first, but amply repays one for the trouble of growing it. My first experiment in this line resulted in a second stalk of six lilies when the first had produced eight; they were smaller than the first, but as they blossomed in the extreme hot weather and in a very dry time I think that was partly the cause of their small size. The second stalk never blooms before June and seldom later than September, but such flowers are always welcome. I would not advise anyone to try to raise a second stalk from a bulb which produced less than four lilies on the first stalk, as the bulb would probably be too small to produce another good one. It is best when buying bulbs for forcing to get large ones, as they are more sure to bloom, and produce many more flowers for the same amount of care that must be given a small bulb that will produce only two or three flowers. Bulbs five to seven inches in circumference should produce five to eight flowers; those seven to nine inches, eight to twelve flowers; while mammoth bulbs nine to eleven inches around will produce from twelve to eighteen blossoms. Of these the smallest ones bloom first, but one often prefers to wait a week or so longer and have more flowers. Laura Hastings.

Winnebago Co., Ill.

[NOTE.—It is almost impossible to get a good, healthy bulb of the larger sizes of Bermuda Lilies. Nearly all Bermuda Lilies are diseased, and, as a rule, their culture cannot be recommended.—ED.]

## WHITE HONEYSUCKLE.

THE White Honeysuckle is very generally cultivated. Its growth is like magic, and the bright green leaves and numerous sprays of white, sweet-scented flowers are indeed most attractive. The vines root at every joint, and when the roots are cut each severed part starts a new center of growth, and the vines cross and recross and mat together and grow until the ground will be covered to a depth of at least a foot before the bottom layers suffer for air. Cows are fond of the white Honeysuckle, and south of Mason & Dixon's line waste places are given over to its growth for pasturage in some few instances. The vine will ruin a roof if allowed to cover it, and wear out a wooden fence, so that wherever planted for ornament it is kept strictly within bounds. Frequent pruning adds to its beauty.

Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

Orleans Co., La.

**Betel Nut.**—The Areca or Betel-nut Palm is a native of the East Indies. It attains a height of forty feet. The leaves are few, but very large and beautiful. The fruit is a nut about the size of a hen's egg, with a fibrous outer husk half an inch in thickness. The chewing of this nut is a very common practice in all Eastern countries, and especially among the Malays. The plant is a climbing shrub with leathery leaves, and requires great heat, also moisture and shade. It has often been observed that where this plant grows dangerous snakes abound. The explanation probably is that the climate which suits this plant is favorable to reptiles.

L. L.

Holt Co., Mo.

**Carex Japonica.**—This grand plant is of recent introduction, and is a very desirable addition to our list of window plants. The foliage is spray-like, and droops gracefully from the center of the plant, the leaf blades being beautifully edged with a golden band. It is of rapid growth, and fine specimens can be obtained in a short time. It does best when given a light, loamy soil, and during the winter season an average temperature of fifty-five degrees. It is an excellent plant for windows having a western or northern exposure.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Floral Park, N. Y.

**Caladium esculentum.**—I received a Caladium that was half rotted. I scraped the rotted part away, and planted the bulb in earth, with many misgivings whether I would ever see leaves. However, to see it now one would not suspect that the bulb had been faulty.

Mrs. Scott.

Burlington Co., N. J., Aug. 7, 1899.

## THE PACIFIC CALLA.

LAST November I received two bulbs of the Pacific Calla. One was given to a friend; the other was potted at once in a six-inch pot of rich soil, with drainage of charcoal and bone. After three weeks' seclusion in a warm, dark closet, a green shoot proclaimed that the roots had proceeded to business. It was gradually brought to the light and watered, by immersing the bowl in a pot of hot water each morning. In January it was touched with frost, and the first three leaves were removed, but the plant soon recovered from this set-back, and is now, four months from setting the dry bulb, a fine plant with healthy foliage and a lovely blossom just unfolded.

J. G. A.

Vancouver, B. C., Mar. 30, 1899.

**Perennials.**—There are very few plants that give better returns for care and expense than hardy perennials. *Linum perenne*, a delicate blue flower, remains in bloom for several weeks, and when cut back in midsummer, like most other perennials, will soon be in bloom again. Sweet Rocket, Veronicas, *Aubrietia Eyrii*, *Achillea*, English Primrose, *Baptisia*, *Fraxinella* and many others are beautiful and in every way desirable. The *Anemone Japonica* stood several years in our garden by giving protection as we do the Day Lily—by turning over it a box filled with straw. This has done well in our Michigan winters.

Mrs. Martha A. Fuller.

Genesee Co., Mich., July 6, 1899.

**Trailing Arbutus.**—In this far northern Michigan we have an abundance of *Arbutus*. There are hundreds of acres of plains around us, and here and there scattered around are the beautiful flat vines spreading out over the ground, and for about three weeks in the spring they are covered with the sweet-scented white and pink stars. It also grows in edges of swamps, among the moss and wintergreen. We often find banks of snow when looking for it.

Mrs. F. V.

Iron Co., Mich.

**Raising Bulbs in Water.**—In any deep china glass or earthenware dish put a half dozen pieces of charcoal, one or more bulbs of Chinese Sacred Lily, *Narcissus* or *Hyacinth*, fill the dish with water, and set away for three or four weeks, adding a little water to replace that lost by evaporation. Bring gradually to a sunny but cool window, and as if by magic the bulbs will bud and grow, and bring forth their wax-like, fragrant blossoms.

L. M. Annable.

Bradford Co., Pa., Aug. 4, 1899.



## ABOUT VARIOUS THINGS.

**M**R. EDITOR:—In running through your MAGAZINE we note several things of which we would like to write, if you can spare the room. We could not name any more delightful Columbine than the graceful blue and white species from the Rocky Mountains, yet we would not like to see praise of it draw favor from two others, the pure yellow-flowered *Chrysanthus*, and a Mexican species, *Skinneri*. The latter is rather rare, and has red spurs and yellow corolla. *Chrysanthus* is a native, tall-growing sort, and blooms for several months.

In selecting a number of vines it is well to keep in mind their time of blooming, and know how they will combine if planted near each other. The *Akebia* deserves greater popularity than it now has, both by reason of its neat, pretty foliage and its sweet purple flowers, earliest of all. The common Trumpet Creeper, *Bignonia radicans*, is delightful; but a less common one, *B. grandiflora*, will prove desirable as well, being later and larger and more open. It is lighter in color, more of an orange yellow. Then there is the evergreen species, *B. capreolata*, which is self-clinging, and flowers earlier. Among Honeysuckles the Chinese, with its dark foliage and pink-tinted flowers, will be found to combine well with others, as will also the Golden-leaved. One of the English species, *Lonicera sempervirens*, is valuable as the earliest to flower. Clematis flowers contrast well with most other vines, especially the small white-flowered *C. paniculata* and *C. flammula*. The latter is earlier-flowering than *C. paniculata*.

In cultivating hardy bulbs it will be frequently found that the types from which many fine varieties may have arisen are very satisfactory, because they do not deteriorate so readily. We have in mind at this moment a pretty yellow Tulip which has been growing on our grounds for many years, multiplying rapidly, and forming a bright spot each spring. It is *Tulipa sylvestris*. Nothing interferes with it or it with anything else. Then there is *Gladiolus communis*, a flower very dear to us. To be sure it is not large, but the solid color, which might pass as a dark lavender, is very unique and pleasing. The Tiger Lily, while not a bulb that has been handled much by the improver, is one that has been frequently overlooked in modern times, yet it is one of the most satisfactory in nearly every point. It is tall-growing, producing a heavy spike with numerous flowers that open through a period of about four weeks, making an admirable bulb for planting in shrubby beds.

The Umbrella Plant, *Cyperus alternifolius*, will grow directly in water, and may

be used in the aquarium, arranging to let the "umbrellas" emerge from six inches to a foot above the aquarium, according to the size of the latter. The Egyptian Papyrus, *Cyperus papyrus*, makes a fine specimen plant grown in a pot. It is too large for the average aquarium.

While your correspondent, L. B. C., page 92, has had good success with plants grown in tin cans, we do not think it good advice generally. Where the plants are given abundant care and right conditions it will answer; but plants that have roots running to the edge of the pot or can, which is most usually the case, should have those roots kept fairly moist and cool, or they will be unable to perform their natural functions. We believe that the roots will do better in contact with earthen pots, which hold more or less moisture, than they will with tin.

Though the flowers of *Syringa Josikaea* are not of the same clear-cut type as the common Lilac, they are nevertheless of some value for late-blooming. *S. ligustrina*, a white-flowered species, also blooms about the same time.

While its utility will perhaps never equal that of the tall Perennial Phlox, a new dwarf variety, called Tom Thumb, will surely meet with popular favor. It grows to a height of about nine inches only; flowers pure white.

Thomas Meehan and Sons.  
Germantown, Pa.

**About Adonis.**—Do any of the readers grow the Adonis? I have, for several seasons, had *Adonis aestivalis*. The past season I added *A. autumnalis*, which is very like *A. aestivalis*, except that it does not bloom until fall, and seems to grow larger and stronger.



I have potted one, and it is blooming and doing well in an east window. We have had several hard frosts, but the Adonis came through them unscathed, while all else except *Alyssum* are ruined. I mean next year to try *Adonis vernalis*, which is said to be a hardy perennial.

Mrs. C. E. B.

Washtenaw Co., Mich., Oct. 3, 1899.

[NOTE.—Seeds of *Adonis vernalis* should be sown in the fall. They will then germinate early the next season. Sown in the spring they rarely start for a year. The same is true of *Echinocystis lobata*, the beautiful native wild Cucumber vine.—ED.]

**Remedy for Red Spider.**—Dusting ground cinnamon on plants that are troubled with red spider will cause the spiders to disappear in a short time.

Maine.

Mrs. H. Arno.

**THE ASTERS BLOOM  
FOR ME.**

O, some may love the Roses, and some the Lilies fair,  
I know how sweet reposes the fragrant incense there,  
For some the blue-eyed Grasses, and some the Pansies bright.  
I doubt not each that passes has its distinct delight;  
But, O, when summer's glory has gone from wood and lea,  
When all with frost is hoary the Asters bloom for me.

O, some may love the Daisies, and some the King-cups gold,  
I would not hush their praises, nor wish their love untold;  
For some the Poppies beckon, for some the Dahlias call,  
And some there are who reckon the Cannas best of all,  
Let each his choice be given where tongue and pen are free,  
My faith cannot be riven, the Asters bloom for me.

*Bradford Co., Pa.**Lalia Mitchell.***EVERLASTINGS.**

**W**E don't hear much of these. In the tight little wreaths and crosses they are not so pretty, that is true. Still there is a place for them. They grow easily in an out of the way place. When they bloom cut with long stems and dry hanging up side down in little bunches. When Christmas money is scarce make some pretty rustic baskets, fill with clean sand, and stick the dried flower stems in. The trouble with such ornaments is that one is apt to have too many about. Avoid this. Use only the pretty ones, and arrange them tastefully. When one cannot have fresh flowers they are far prettier than paper Roses and zephyr Lilies. But don't dye them. Just let Nature do the best she can with them, and then do your part. I think you will find a welcome for all you can give away, and that will be nearly all you have saved. Gather pretty grasses and mingle with them in place of foliage. Never combine the dry flowers with fresh leaves nor with artificial ones. The prettiest are *Acroclinium*, red and white, *Ammobium* small white flowers, *Helichrysum* and *Helipterum Sanfordi*. They make nice gifts for the children to carry to friends.

*Ellen F. Wycoff.**Iredell Co., N. C.***Wild Flowers on the Plains.—**

The life of a wild flower on the plains is "short but sweet," as the scorching sun of summer soon withers all the temporary verdure of spring, and the plains are left brown and desolate except for Cactus and Sage Brush.

*Oriana Mondane.**Tulare Co., Cal.***FLOWERS IN A CITY BACK  
YARD.**

**T**O begin with I borrowed a neighbor's spade and dug a strip about two feet wide along the side of the back porch. I worked in a quantity of rabbit manure, for I keep pet rabbits, and had no other fertilizer. There never had been a flower bed there, and it was very stony, but I thought a little dirt, a lot of manure, and stones enough to hold the plants from tipping over ought to be successful, and it is. My Geraniums are gorgeous. In the shady end of the bed I set Pansies, and at the back I planted tall Nasturtiums and trained them to the stoop. I had a little fence in front to protect my Geraniums, and I trained Nasturtiums in that. On the stoop I put a long bench and set it full of pans, paint pails and even grape baskets. In these I planted Poppies and Pinks, and Nasturtiums to droop over the edges and meet the ones coming from the ground. By one post I set a pail with Canary Bird vine, and by the other Alleghany vine and Butterfly Flowers. The vines are trained to meet over the steps, forming an arch, and have reached the top now. Along the other edge of the porch I set corn cans with Petunias in, and all the flowers are in bloom now except the Canary Bird vine. My porch is just beautiful, for the nice dishes I used are now hidden with foliage. It is no trouble to weed them, and I water them every week with the fertilizer. I haven't a large quantity of room, but I have the blossoms.

*Sister Martha.**Broome Co., N. Y., July 13, 1899.*

**Keeping Summer Bulbs in Winter.**—Summer blooming bulbs placed in the cellar for safe keeping need to be frequently inspected. They may rot or freeze. If they escape either of these they may fall a prey to rats and mice, which are extremely fond of them. Prevent rotting by storing in a dry place. Freezing results when the cellar allows the temperature to fall as low as 32° Fahrenheit. No cellar is safe which permits anything lower than 40°.

*J. F. Bucher.**Ashtabula Co., Ohio.*

**Lily of the Valley.**—Before covering the Lily of the Valley bed with straw for winter a few good pips should be potted, using ordinary soil. Water well, and allow them to remain out of doors till they have been frozen once or twice. Set away in the cellar two weeks in a semi-dark nook. After this gradually expose to the warmth and light where they will develop nicely and eventually bloom. But the freezing is first necessary.

*Ashtabula Co., O.**J. F. Bucher.*



**PERENNIALS FOR SHADY PLACES.**

**I** HAVE had considerable experience with herbaceous perennials in shaded soil, and consider them the most satisfactory of all plants, once they are well established, for such locations; but they require more care and attention than if grown in the sun. Among others the *Actæa alba* or white Baneberry, the long list of beautiful *Aquilegias*, the *Coptis trifolia* or Gold Thread, the *Cornus canadensis* or dwarf Cornel, *Hepatica triloba*, *Lobelia*s, *Myosotis* or Forget-me-nots, the species of *Trillium*, *Trollius laxus* or Globe Flower, the fancy dwarf Japanese Maples (raised from seeds), *Vinca major* or blue Myrtle, and the *Aconitum* or Monkshood are all satisfactory plants for shaded borders. Few things will grow under Pine trees, but the *Liatris elegans* and the Part-ridge Berry will do so, and sometimes the *Trailing Arbutus*, which requires dry shade not too deep. Several varieties of *Violets* also require dry shade.

The *Matricaria* or Feverfew will grow well under fruit or shade trees. I have had fair success with *Campanula* or Canterbury Bells, *Digitalis*, *Iris* and hardy *Chrysanthemums* in a similar location. Do not plant any of these, however, in a very damp location. I have grown beautiful Sweet Williams, hardy Carnations, Sweet Rocket and Pansies in the shade of high buildings where some morning sun reached the plants, and am now trying hardy *Begonia Evansiana*. The "Baby" Roses grown from seeds and the Japanese Lantern Plant will also grow in the shade to fair advantage.

The list of tender greenhouse plants suitable to shade is a large one, but I will content myself by urging the cultivation of tuberous-rooted *Begonias* in such locations, first starting them indoors or under glass.

Dauphin Co., Pa. T. Stewart Blair.

**Cinerarias.**—I have *Cinerarias* this year for the first time. I kept tobacco stems on the soil, but the aphids got on the plants. Then I washed the leaves with tobacco tea, and now they are free from the pest, and as nice-looking plants as one could wish. I am anxiously awaiting the bloom. Miss. S. F.

York Co., Pa., Sep. 13, 1899.

**That Dish of Water.**—Let me make a suggestion concerning that dish of water that you keep on the stove to moisten the air. Put a little grease in it, and when the water has all evaporated the grease will call your attention to the fact by sputtering.

Mrs. G. F. Clapp.

Sawyer Co., Wis.

**DATE SEEDS.**

**D**URING the latter part of April I bought some dates, and as I ate them I laid the seeds on the soil of a potted plant, intending to plant them soon. I neglected them until they had lain on the damp soil for about two weeks and were pretty well soaked. I took a pound baking powder can, placed a good drainage of charcoal in the bottom, and filled the can with a compost of one-fourth sand and the remainder one-half leaf-mould and one-half garden soil. I placed the seeds about two inches below the surface of the soil, and watered thoroughly with warm water, then placed it where it received the full rays of the sunshine, and placed a glass over the top of the can. I had always heard that it took Date Palm seeds at least six months to germinate, but in less than two months these plants were up and are growing sturdily. Perhaps the secret of their germinating so quickly lay in their becoming so thoroughly saturated with moisture before being planted.

Verne Van Wyck.

Wayne Co., Mich.

**Chinese Christmas Presents.**—

I gazed at the large pots of Chinese Sacred Lilies in my friend's window in surprise. "Nothing wrong here?" I asked in pretended awe, as I tapped my forehead "No, nothing more than usual," she laughingly answered. "Fact is, those are embryo Christmas presents. You'll get at least one. When it blooms then you'll remember me." So it happened, the evening before Christmas we who were among the fortunate ones known as her friends received, each of us, a Lily, nicely started into growth in earth. And daily, yea, hourly, were we reminded as the days went by of the generous girl who helped brighten our dearest days with Lilies from China. Lina.

McLean Co., Ill., Sep. 29, 1899.

**Violets in Moss and Water.**—I have had good success with Violets by planting the seeds in moss. I went to a small stream and took the moss from a large rock and the soil that was under it. I placed the soil in a vessel with the moss on top. Then I sowed my Violet seeds on top of the moss, and sprinkled some road sand over them. I filled the vessel with rain water and set it in the sun, keeping the water well up to the moss, and my seeds soon came up. Violets that grow here will grow in moss and water and bloom just lovely. I took a clump from the side of a brook and set it in a dish of water, and it was a thing of beauty for three weeks.

Mrs. H. Arno.

Maine, Aug. 14, 1899.

## A EUROPEAN TRIP.

LETTER NO. 25.

The next evening I took the through train for Paris. It was about eight o'clock when we left Berne, Switzerland, and about nine o'clock in the morning when we reached Paris, France. The car-apartment occupied had two long, well-cushioned seats facing each other, and these were used as couches, each traveller having one to himself. The railroad company supplied a good feather pillow for the night upon payment of 25 cents, and thus every passenger had very good sleeping accommodations, though not equal to the luxuriant sleeping-car service of an American railway. When the morning dawned we were in France, and the rolling landscape was beautiful, being checkered with the small, symmetrical fields of growing and ripening crops—mostly wheat, oats, barley, clover and grass. Here and there groups of handsome trees added variety and beauty to the scene.

Reaching Paris I was much disappointed. I expected to find a city covered with a well-arranged trolley street-car service, and other business facilities of modern use. Instead of that I found a double-decked omnibus line here and there, one short street-car line using a dummy engine as motive power, and a few street-car lines using horses. These were only found in the principal streets. The others were reached by special service cabs, which could be hired for conveyance to almost any part of the city for the small sum of twenty-eight cents—twenty-five cents for use of cab and three cents for service of driver. Thousands of these cabs were in use, and were the common means of conveyance used by business men in going from place to place.

The Parisian custom and method of wine-drinking at the numerous large restaurants is something which at once attracts the notice and wonder of Americans who visit Paris for the first time. It is novel and altogether different from anything seen in America. The restaurant buildings are set back fifteen or twenty feet from the sidewalk, and in the intervening space are placed three or four rows of small tables, with chairs around. Here in the evenings sit scores of fashionably dressed men and women in little groups, eating a light lunch, supping wine, and glibly conversing in the French language. These big restaurants are numerous, and are mostly situated on the popular streets, where they seem to do a thriving business. The wines used are generally of a light character, and glass after glass is consumed without any intoxicating effect. The most popular part of the day for these wine restaurants is the evening, at which time the seating capacity of most of them is taxed to the utmost to accommodate the guests. But there is no part of the day but some wine-drinking guests may be seen at the tables.

The streets about the suburbs of Paris are broad, well made and well kept, many extending for miles in a straight line, and are unsurpassed as driving roadways. Elegant turnouts may here be seen—the finest horses and noblest vehicles, and the horseless carriages, which come out in large numbers, find here unrestricted passage for high speed.

A peculiar Parisian custom—one which always excites the wonder of the American is the use of drag carts. These are two-wheeled vehicles used for conveying goods to and from the railroad stations, transferring household furniture, carrying off the debris of the streets, and in handling all the goods which come under the control of a drayman. You rarely see a four-wheeled wagon or drag. These drag carts are of all sizes, varying from the one-horse cart up to the cumbersome four-horse drag. These big carts are a real novelty to an American. The wheels are of enormous size—eight feet in diameter, with hubs and spokes and felloes of proportionate size. The truck is probably fifteen feet in length, balanced by a tremendous draft horse which occu-

ples the great shafts, and three draft horses are hitched in front, in tandem style, one in front of the other. Even some of the one-horse carts were wonderful. I saw one of these upon which I counted thirty four-bushel sacks filled with charcoal. The load was twelve feet in height. Most of the delivery vehicles of the merchants were carts, and even the street passenger conveyances were, many of them, carts. The very city itself, as seen from a high tower, seemed like a great cart-wheel, the different broad streets leading toward the center like great spokes to the hub.

Much attention is paid to flowers by the common people of Paris. There are few houses without some pot plants about the door or windows, and where there are front yards we find Tuberous Begonias, Geraniums, Balsams, Coxcombs and other flowers. A common flower, and one that was quite attractive, was *Impatiens glandulifera*. The plants were six feet high, and laden with showy bloom. A popular flower among florists, showy and exceedingly beautiful as a pot plant, is the *Campanula pyramidalis*. The plants are gracefully trained, and every branch appears as a glorious wreath of bloom. At a greenhouse I saw a bench covered with blooming plants of the new *Browallia speciosa* major. The large, exquisite "blue" flowers were abundantly produced, and had a pleasing effect. I also saw several greenhouses filled with blooming plants of the new Crested Tuberous Begonias of various colors.

I will not attempt to describe the various sights of Paris. Among the historical places visited were the Madeleine church, St. Augustine church, where mass was said for Napoleon, City Park, Triumphal Arch, Fishery and Trocadella, the latter containing a large hall, and the largest dome in the world. From the tower here a grand view of the city is obtained. Tomb of Napoleon and the Hospital near by, Chamber of Deputies, the Market, Tower of St. Jacques, City Hall, Police Hall, Notre Dame church, which has stained glass forty-two feet in diameter, said to be the finest in the world, the brilliancy due to the use of cyanide of gold used in manufacture 600 years ago. Jardin des Plantes, now changed to a Zoological garden, the Morgue; Palace of Versailles; the Chariot House, where the various chariots of the French Emperors are kept on exhibition, etc., etc. All of these are more or less referred to in history, and are described in many of the Parisian Guide Books.

By the evening train, August 11, I left Paris en route for London. The cars were small, compared with American cars, and reminded me of the trolley cars in use in many American cities. As they speeded along you could feel every throb of the engine, and the cars rocked from end to end, after the fashion of some of the American horse-carts. The amusing thought occurred to me "Can it be possible the French have adapted their carts to use as railroad cars? If not, why this incessant rocking and jarring?" When we reached the English Channel a steamboat was boarded, and the rough night voyage was occupied in a vain attempt to sleep. The English shore was reached by daybreak, and the rapid transit railway cars soon drew into the depot of the great English metropolis, London.

Geo. W. Park.

## QUESTIONS.

Sweet Violets.—Will someone tell me why my Sweet Violet never blooms? It is full of buds, and has been for two years, but the buds blast and do not open. I aim to keep it in partial shade and moist.—M. J. J., Iowa.

Coral Begonia.—My seven-year-old Coral Begonia looks thrifty, but has never bloomed. It grows in sandy loam. How should I treat it to have it bloom?—Mrs. W. B., N. C.

Pelargoniums.—Will someone who has been successful with Pelargoniums in the window please write an article detailing the method of treatment?—Mrs. B., Mass.



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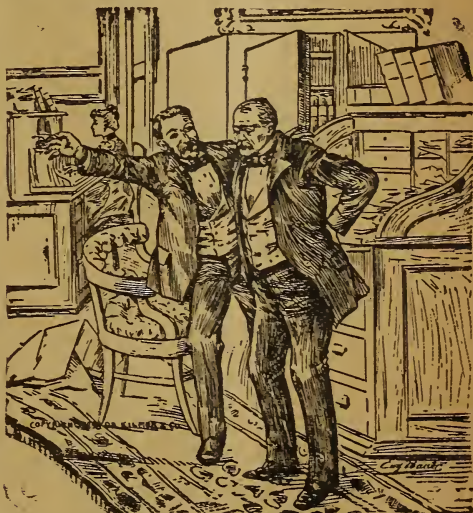
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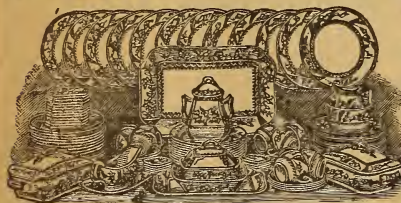
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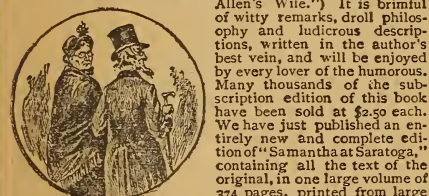
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## GOSSIP.

Floral Friends:—I have among my plants a pot of Allium Neapolitanum. I planted eight bulbs in a four-inch pot. Two weeks ago three of the stems full of lovely white flowers helped to decorate a wedding dinner table. A few days later two more were sent to put in a baby's coffin, and now three more full blown bunches help decorate my window. Nothing I have has given me more satisfaction than this Allium. I rooted a little slip of Balsam Impatiens last summer, and it has not been out of bloom this winter. I can highly recommend that and a plant I raised from a paper of mixed window garden seeds. It seems to be a variety of Asclepias, and has been in continuous bloom. It sent up a stem about eighteen inches high, and as each leaf matures a cluster of buds comes with it right from the end of the stem. There are no branches, and it has been in bloom for six months, and looks as if it might keep on blooming forever by the number of buds in sight. It has been a very cold winter, 24° below zero, but I lost only a few plants, in December, and those by carelessness.

Mrs. M. A. Bucknell.

Madison Co., Ill., March 18, 1899.

Gerardia.—A writer in the Magazine some time ago spoke of finding Gerardia, and the inference from the connection is that she has it under cultivation. At least three sorts of Gerardia grow around here, but I have understood they did not civilize. Will she please explain her method, if she has succeeded in taming these children of the wilderness. She would find Jack-in-the-pulpit as easily grown in the garden as a Crocus, if it is a flower of early spring. I have had it in bloom in the house in winter. It is ornamental, if not strictly beautiful. **Helena L. Todd.**

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 J. Starr Holloway.

Delaware Co., Pa., Aug. 14, 1899.

**Mr. Park:**—Last spring I sent to you for seeds and the 25-cent collection of seeds included, which certainly have turned out fine. I did not count, but have wondered since how many seeds you give in a package of *Zonale Geranium*. I have fourteen nice plants, and was so unfortunate as to lose two from being over-wet, and the chickens scratched out four or five more. This morning I was looking at my seed bed and behold some more are making their appearance. The plants are fine and healthy. The other seeds also came up in good order.  
 Mrs. F. Scott.

Burlington Co., Iowa, Aug. 7, 1899.

**Mr. Park:**—The exchange column has been a source of great pleasure and benefit to me. In the two years that I have subscribed for *Park's Floral Magazine* I have made many good exchanges and very pleasant friends.  
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Santa Cruz Co., Cal., July 4, 1899.

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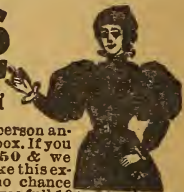
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The bird in the depth of the wild-wood  
May be singing his heart-pain away;  
Like memories faint from my childhood  
Come the notes of the sweet melody.

Sing on in the shade of the pine-lands;  
The music some angel hath taught,  
The soul of a dream from far vine-lands,  
Thou, song-bird of even', hath caught.

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## THANKSGIVING.

Though bleak November's skies may be  
And fierce the blasts that blow,  
Thanksgiving is a time of joy

In spite of cold and snow;  
'Tis then from hamlet and from farm,  
From cities where they roam,  
From East and West, from North and South  
The children gather home.

How gaily pass the happy hours,  
How swiftly comes the night,  
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We watch them out of sight;  
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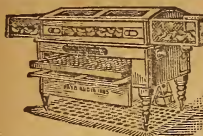
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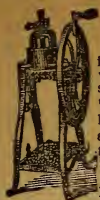
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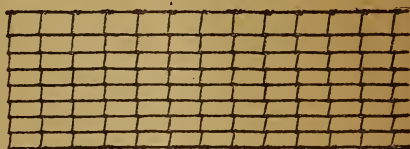
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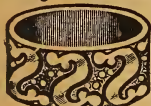
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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Gloxinias Blighting.—Why do my Gloxinias blight in the autumn, while similar plants earlier in the season bloomed abundantly?—S. E. B., Wis.

Ans.—The blight is probably due to a deficiency of moisture in the atmosphere, and a warm temperature. In Belgium, where Gloxinias grow to perfection, the atmosphere is constantly cool, moist and hazy, affording just the conditions of healthy growth.

Oleander Poisonous.—Mr. Park: Is the Oleander poisonous and dangerous to have around where there are children.—Mrs. M. C., Iowa.

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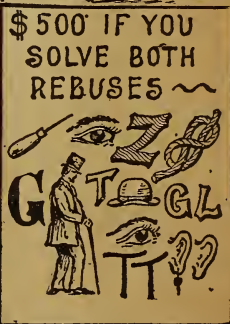
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### CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—In a previous number a contributor anxiously asks if one would have us go back to the Indian Shot, Johnny-jump-ups and June Roses of old, because some have found by experience that many of the new introductions, sugar-coated with undeserved praise and lauded to the skies, were not "as advertised?" By no means! Let us have all the yellow Asters, green Carnations and blue Chrysanthemums there are, but let not "skim milk masquerade as cream," nor fruits that taste just like quinine personate a nectarine. There are many plants which get but scant praise, and no gaudy illustration in the catalogues, yet possess real worth for general cultivation. This I have discovered in plants coming from Park's Surprise List. Chosen sometimes simply by name, no description being given, and yet I would not exchange some of them, notably a Veronica imperialis, for all the sprawling Peas and Fairy-tale Roses lately introduced. Is it not better to be agreeably surprised by a plant whose virtues have been but modestly yet truthfully set forth, rather than be bitterly disappointed by a harvest of thorns and thistles where we had expected to gather figs?

We are told none but those whose purses are over-full should attempt a new introduction under the second year or so, when the returns are all in. But these new novelties were supposed to grow from seeds as readily as a common vegetable, and certainly those who cultivate flowers, expect to spend a few cents for seeds now and then, especially as they may be procured for three cents a packet. A dime will buy a little fertilizer, and there are bargains in watering pots. Why, therefore, must we wait for riches or till the Physalis Franchetti chooses to hang

out its illusive lanterns before we brighten our homes? I do not blame plants for being other than they are. Even the Flower of an Hour fulfils its mission. But I do think a great coat of "mejumness" or truthfulness, quite down to the heels, would just about suit some floral advance agents and chromo artists. Snapdragon.

Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Editor:—When spring came after our hard winter which killed many plants to the ground the growth was marvelous. Everything seemed to spring into vigorous growth, as if by magic, and alternating shower and sunshine kept this up till August, when everything was so tender and sappy that the first few days of the drouth the hot winds and scorching sun literally roasted vegetation. By mulching, watering and shading I kept my plants from dying, and managed to place by my wife's breakfast plate fresh Roses every morning. Fortunately the farmer's wheat, hay, corn and oats were safe when the drouth began, so that the country was not financially hurt by the drouth, though the crops of later garden vegetables were ruined. Yours with best wishes,

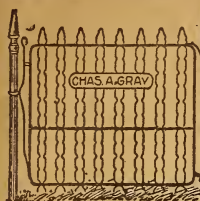
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Wise Co., Texas, Sep. 27, 1899.

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### GOSSIP.

**Maidenhair Fern.**—Dear Flower Folks: I find that the wild Maidenhair Fern can be easily grown in the house, by keeping the atmosphere moist, and using rich, porous soil, well drained and well watered. I give all my plants liquid fertilizers once a week, except while they are resting. Mrs. L. M. H.

Orleans Co., Vt.

**Dear Sisters:**—The new unripened wood of my Empress of China Rose winter-killed, but the older parts were unaffected. It did not prove an everbloomer with me. It bloomed very early, the first of all Roses, and I picked Roses from it after the snow fell in November, but during the summer it did not blossom. It was truly a beautiful thing when in bloom. I have it trained up on the side of the house, and it covers a space about six feet wide by ten high. It may be that when the plant gets older it will be ever-blooming. It is but three years old, and last year was the first time it blossomed. The flowers are very sweet and very delicate. A. E. M.

Huron Co., Ohio.

**Dear Flower Folks:**—I am very successful with Geraniums in pots in the window in winter, and have a fine collection of sorts. In the spring after they stop blooming I set them out-doors in a partially shaded place, repot them if necessary, and let them rest and drop their old leaves and start new growth. Mary B. Appley.

Windham Co., Conn.

**Pansy Freak.**—I have a Pansy plant grown from seed sown in the spring, that has different colored blossoms, one being very deep plum (solid), the other shaded lavender, light to medium. Is not this new, or very unusual? S. L. Lee.

Washington, D. C., Sep. 5, 1899.

[NOTE.—This is simply another freak of nature, but is new and unusual, as nearly all such freaks are.—Ed.]

### QUESTIONS.

**Buds Dropping.**—My Tuberous Begonias form buds which drop when half grown. Why do they not develop?—Mrs. E., Wis.

**Sansevieria.**—How old must a Sansevieria be to bloom?—Mrs. W., Ind.



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Went tripping by the wall  
The sleeping flowers to trace.

With golden head bent low  
She gazed with look intent,  
And peeped beneath the snow  
In seeming discontent.

"O, aunty, where's the f'owers?"  
The sweet voice said at last,  
"The p'tty, p'tty fowers,  
Have they done to sleep so fast?"

"My darling, yes," I said,  
"But they'll waken soon and smile,  
And nod each fragrant head  
To you and me the while."

As I looked at the dimpling face  
Of this wee treasure of ours,  
I fancied I could trace  
A likeness to the flowers.

Erie Co., Pa.

Lillie Ripley.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I find that I cannot get along without your Floral Magazine. The last one reminded me that perhaps my time had expired. I hope I am not too late to get the number containing your picture. I hope to become a florist when I am a man, as I am only eleven years old. Mamma has taken your Magazine for a good many years, and gets a good deal of floral information from it.

Victor M. Cross.

Chaut. Co., N. Y., Oct. 4, 1899.

Dear Mr. Park:—Your Magazine is very helpful to us, and the seed premium very nice. Out here in Dakota it is rather hard to raise flowers, but your seeds come nicely, so I have all the plants I need, and a great many to give to friends. Your little friend,

Miss S. Snow Baker (age 11).

Lake Co., So. Dak., Aug. 4, 1899.

Dear Mr. Park:—I just wish the little girls who write could have seen our wild flowers—white, blue and yellow Violets, wild Bleeding Hearts, Spring Beauty, Snowdrops, and now the Columbines. The woods are full of Ferns, Maidenhair and Sword Ferns, and several others. Our school is out now, and I spend most of my time in the woods. Our Ferns mixed with the lovely flowers we get from Mr. Park are just lovely. Mamma says there are no flowers like those we get from Mr. Park.

Pansy Wade.

Johnson Co., Kan., May 27, 1899.

Dear Editor:—I read the little girls' letters, and thought I would write you. I am a soldier's little girl. He died December 18, 1893, and left me and mamma alone by ourselves. My mamma is good to me, and we are happy together. My brother and sister are both dead, and have gone to Heaven to live. We have a good garden and plenty of apples, and all kinds of vegetables. I can cook and bake light bread.

Miss Nora Peters (age 14).

Hancock Co., Ill.

Dear Editor:—I am a little girl ten years old. I have two brothers and one sister. Mamma takes your Magazine, and thinks she could not do without it. We are a family of flower lovers. I will give you my mind's picture of yourself. I imagine you are tall and very refined looking. I hope to see your picture in the Magazine some day.

Nora E. Barlow.

Ballard Co., Ky.

Mr. Park:—My mamma takes your Magazine and we like it very much. The flower seeds we got of you are blooming now. The Pansies, Asters, Sweet Peas and Petunias are my favorites. I have five brothers, all older than I am.

Amy O. Bell (age 14).

Fayette Co., O., Aug. 11, 1899.

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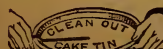
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Did any of the Sisters ever try to raise Water Lilies of the Zanzibar type from seeds. When they first came out as a novelty I got some seeds and planted in teacups. Something kept coming up which looked like young grass, and I kept pulling it up, saying to the family "How did so much timothy seed get into those cups. Now let me whisper in your ear—it was my Lilies, but I was looking for round leaves like the mature ones. Grandma.

White Co., Ind.

Dear Flower Folks:—I once had a surplus of yellow-flowered Dahlias, and offered them in the exchange column for Dahlias of other colors. Soon the tubers began to pour in from all sides, until nearly every State was heard from. I had a good, big bushel to exchange, or I wouldn't have had enough to go around. I answered every postal I received, and am not bankrupt by the act. A great many sisters sent cards stating what colors they had for me to chose from before sending; others sent the bulbs first, and nearly all of those sent red ones, but I sent them the yellow ones in return, just the same. I stood by my offer, and Mr. Park's advice to answer every letter received, and the result is I have a beautiful collection of Dahlias this season, and I trust the sisters have nice yellow ones in return. Now, what I wish to say is this: Don't be mean about your exchange when Mr. Park is so kind as to more than give us the dear little Magazine and a free exchange besides. If you have nothing to exchange don't announce that you have. If you get a postal in regard to your exchange answer it courteously. It will not break your pocket or heart. Don't send plants unless they are nicely packed. I have received plants merely rolled up in wrapping paper. Of course, they were worthless. The exchange is a courtesy of Mr. Park. Let us show our appreciation of his kindness by at least not abusing it. I have derived much pleasure from letters received from "exchange" sisters. Justice.

Louisa Co., Iowa.

## QUESTIONS.

Honey Plants.—Will someone who grows plants for bee pasture give us a short list of good hardy plants that will re-seed or come up again, and that will endure our dry summers in California.—C. E. P., Cal.

Cuban Lily.—Will some reader give treatment of Cuban Lily to have it bloom? I have a bulb twelve years old which has not bloomed.—M. D.

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**Mr. Park.**—The Magazine is a veritable Klondike for those who seek floral knowledge from its pages. It contains more useful and at the same time interesting reading than others of larger size. Mrs. Allie Wicken.

Harlan Co., Neb., Oct. 10, 1899.

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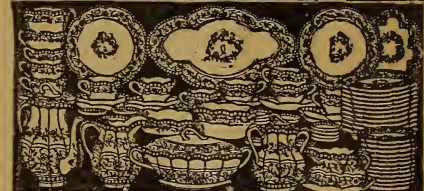
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Louisa Co., Iowa.

Knabby.

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Mrs. R.

Plymouth Co., Mass., May 23, 1899.

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B. E. N.

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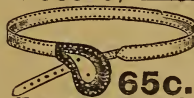
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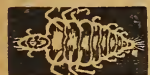
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